



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, DEA and the United States Marshal's Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf sentenced Shad Leroy Butterfield to 12 years and seven months in prison for possessing methamphetamine with the intent to deliver. Judge Kopf also ordered \$3,000 and two firearms seized from Butterfield forfeited to the United States.

On August 10, 2006, two Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force officers contacted Butterfield and another individual outside their residence in Lincoln. The officers were conducting follow-up on a Crime-Stoppers tip regarding the sale of methamphetamine. After speaking with Butterfield a search warrant was obtained for his residence which resulted in the discovery and seizure of scales, drug paraphernalia, approximately three ounces of methamphetamine, \$3,000 in cash, ammunition and a handgun. On October 30, 2006, Butterfield was stopped by Lincoln Police officers and discovered with a second loaded handgun.

Butterfield absconded from custody in December of 2006. He was discovered by the United States Marshal's Service in 2008, living in Las Vegas, Nevada, under an assumed name. He was returned to Nebraska for prosecution. During the time Butterfield was gone from Nebraska, additional witnesses came forward with information regarding their drug dealings with him. Their information, along with Butterfield's flight to avoid prosecution, was considered by Judge Kopf in determining the sentence. Following completion of his prison sentence, Judge Kopf ordered Butterfield to spend five years on supervised release.

Name of Defendant: Shad Leroy Butterfield

AKA:

Age: 36

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Ct. I - possession with intent to distribute 50 to 500 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine

5 to 40 years in prison, and/or up to \$2,000,000 fine, \$100 special assessment and four to five years of supervised release

Ct II. Possession of \$3,000 either used to facilitate sale of drugs or received as drug proceeds

Forfeiture of \$3000

Ct III - Forfeiture of any weapons or ammunition involved or used in committing the drug trafficking offense set out in Count I

Forfeiture of the items

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: between 350 and 500 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August 10, 2006

Federal Arrest Date: October 17, 2006

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: September 20, 2006

Initial Appearance Date: October 17, 2006

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled February 11, 2009

Sentencing Date: May 5, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: August 28, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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